

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SIDNEY  
MAINE



For the Year Ending  
February 10, 1950



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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1949-1950

Town Clerk

PEARL F. SMITH

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

OTIS BACON    JENNIE BRACKETT    HOWARD BENSON

Treasurer and Collector

ALICE L. HAMMOND

Superintendent of Schools

HUBERT REDDING

School Committee

VIRGINIA PETERSON

PERCY VAN NOTE

ROBERT AUSTIN

Health Officer

ARDIS WHYNOT

Constable

WILLIAM W. COWAN

Road Commissioner

HORACE DRUMMOND

Fire Ward

WILLIAM B. HASKELL

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING.

## REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE 1950

Town Charges	\$ 2,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	500.00
Support of Poor	1,000.00
Health Nurse	100.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Town Fair	100.00
Blister Rust Control (Hold over 1949 app. of \$150.00)	150.00
State Aid Highways	1,066.00
Highways and Bridges	2,000.00
Road Planning Committee	1,000.00
Transfer from Excise Tax	2,000.00
Winter Highways	5,550.00
School Fund	16,950.00
Special School Account	650.00
School Building Fund	1,000.00
School Repair	1,500.00

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The Budget Committee further recommends to the Selectmen to enter articles in the Warrant regarding the following:

- (1) Authority be given the Selectmen to transfer funds from the Surplus to the State Aid Road Account
- (2) Completion of the Middle Road
- (3) Fencing the Field Cemetery

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING FOR 1950

To W. W. Cowan, Constable of Sidney, County of Kennebec,  
Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sidney qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1950 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

Art. 2. To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year in accordance with Sections 38 to 52 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1930, and all acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto, to wit: Town Clerk, three Selectmen who shall serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Road Commissioner and one member of the School Committee to serve for three years. The Polls or Ballot Box for receiving ballots for the above mentioned officers shall be opened at 9:30 A. M., and shall be closed at 2:30 P. M.

✓ Art. 3. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

Art. 4. To see how much money the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray Town Charges. #2500

Art. 5. To see how much money the inhabitants of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children. #500

Art. 6. To see how much money the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Support of Poor. #1000

Art. 7. To see if the inhabitants of the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for public health nursing in Sidney. Said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health of Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service. #100

Art. 8. To see if the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for Memorial Day. #25

Art. 9. To see if the inhabitants of the town will vote

to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attraction of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine. *#50*

✓ Art. 10. To see if the inhabitants of the town will vote to hold a Town Fair in 1950 and if so to choose officers and raise money for the same. *#100*

✓ Art. 11. To see if the inhabitants of the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying indebtedness of the Town, such loans to be paid during the current municipal year by taxes.

✓ Art. 12. To see if the inhabitants of the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and Federal Government in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chap. 32, Sec. 54., or hold over the \$150.00 not spent in 1949.

✓ Art. 13. To see if the inhabitants of the town will accept in trust \$150.00 the interest of which be used for the care of the Albert G. Barnard Lot in the Reynolds Hill Cemetery.

✓ Art. 14. To see if the inhabitants of the town will authorize the Selectmen on the behalf of the town to duly advertise and sell at Public Auction any Real Estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

✓ Art. 15. To see if the inhabitants of the town will authorize the Treasurer to assign tax lien mortgages, assigned only by the unanimous approval of the Selectmen, for the amount of tax, interest and cost due.

✓ Art. 16. To see if inhabitants of the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for each of the three main roads for fire equipment. *300 machine*

*Taken from Excise funds - each fund to be matched by individual roads*

15 min 2 hrs  
Art. 17. To choose a Fire Ward. *Mr. Gifford*

1:30 ✓ Art. 18. To see what sum the inhabitants of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 25 and 29, Chap. 20, R. S. 1944, as amended. *1000*

✓ Art. 19. To see if the inhabitants of the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer from the General Fund to the State Aid Road Account as they see fit.

✓ Art. 20. To see if the inhabitants of the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of yearly State Aid Road Allotments.

✓ Art. 21. To see if the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Road Planning Committee. *\$1500 Excise \$1500*

✓ Art. 22. To see what action the inhabitants of the Town will take in regard to the closing of the so-called "Ferry Road" from the Springer Cemetery to the river.

✓ Art. 23. To see how much money the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Summer Highways and Bridges. *1500*

✓ Art. 24. To see what sum the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Highways. *\$5,500*

3. Bacon }  
Gifford } ✓ Art. 25. To choose one or more members to the Road Planning Committee for 1950. *for 5 yrs. Eldon Dyer*

✓ Art. 26. To choose a Budget Committee for 1950. *20 clock Taylor Gifford Lathe Drummond*

✓ Art. 27. To see what action the inhabitants of the Town will take in regard to the Salaries of Town Officials.

✓ Art. 28. To see if the inhabitants of the Town will vote to set dates when taxes for 1950 shall be due and payable. *May-Poll June-other*

Art. 29. To see if the inhabitants of the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes for 1950, fix the dates and amount of discount. *1 1/2% paid on or before July 15.*

✓ Art. 30. To see how much money the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Common School Fund. *\$16,950*

✓ Art. 31. To see how much money the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Special School Account. *\$650*

*Equip. 100  
Inc. -150  
Dypt -384  
\$650*

✓ Art. 32. To see what sum the inhabitants of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to increase the School Building Fund. *\$1,000*

Art. 33. To see how much money the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of School Buildings. *\$1,400 for Thayer Corner - \$100*

*\$2000  
1400  
500  
100  
\$4000  
1000*

*Mo* Art. 34. To see if the inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build an additional classroom on the Longfellow School. *\$5000*

✓ Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a loan, or issue bonds, of \$23,500.00 to supplement the present building fund to construct a four room school building on the Middle Road and direct that this be handled by a building committee, or take any other action under this article. *\$29,000*

✓ Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to elect a building committee to carry out the provisions of the preceding article with authority to negotiate bids and contracts as necessary in the building program, or take any other action under this article.

✓ Art. 37. To see what sum the inhabitants of the town will raise and appropriate for fencing the Field Cemetery.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office for the purpose of correcting the list of voters at 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon of the day of said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon with the Clerk of said Town on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, 1950.

OTIS BACON  
JENNIE BRACKETT  
HOWARD BENSON  
Selectmen of Sidney

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Sidney, we hereby submit our  
Annual Report for the year ending Feb. 10, 1950

## VALUATION AND TAX

Resident Real Estate	\$264,756	\$19,591.94
Resident Personal Estate	91,924	6,802.38
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Total	356,680	26,394.32
Non-Resident Real Estate	137,430	10,169.82
Non-resident Personal Estate	1,670	123.58
Total	139,100	10,293.40
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Grand Total	\$495,780	\$36,687.72
Tax Rate 74 mills		
Overlay	285.06	
Grand Total Tax	36,687.72	
245 polls @ \$3.00	735.00	
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	\$37,422.72	

## APPROPRIATIONS

Town Charges	\$ 2,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	400.00 ✓
Support of Poor	2,000.00 ✓
Public Health Nursing	50.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Town Fair	100.00
White Pine Blister Rust Control	150.00
State Aid Highways	1,066.00
Summer Highways and Bridges	2,000.00
Road Planning	1,500.00
Common School Fund	15,325.00
Special School Account	513.50
School Repairs	1,000.00
School Building Fund	1,000.00
Veterans' Graves	50.00

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Winter Highways	5,000.00	
Total Appropriations		\$32,679.50
State Tax	3,627.36	
County Tax	830.00	
Total		\$37,136.86

## PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED IN 1949

	No.	Valuation
Horses	93	\$ 4,485.00
Colts (2 to 3 yrs.) (not draft)	1	35.00
Colts (under 2 yrs.) (not draft)	25	100.00
Steers, Oxen, Bulls & Beef	22	890.00
Milk Cows	836	42,825.00
2 Year Olds	52	1,590.00
18 mos. to 2 yrs.		2,350.00
Goats	20	100.00
Domestic Fowl		
(over 50 in no.)	27,383	16,430.00
Stock in Trade	5	1,245.00
Portable Mills	1	150.00
Gasoline Pumps	7	555.00
Radios	217	2,490.00
Electrical Appliances		6,680.00
Tractors (not excised)	74	7,685.00
Machinery & Equipment		3,470.00
Other Property		2,514.00
Total Personal Property		\$93,594.00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Cattle (18 mos. and under)	355	\$ 3,550.00
Sheep (to 35 in no.)	6	30.00
Swine (to 30 in no.)	35	350.00
Domestic Fowl (to 50 in no.)		968.00
		\$ 4,898.00

## TOWN POOR

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Percy Reicker:	
Clifford Dallaire (Rent)	\$ 25.00

Fred Blaisdell:		
J. C. Penney Co. (Clothes)	5.66	
Richard Burgess:		
City of Waterville	56.30	
Dhanis Burgess:		
City of Waterville	84.30	
Omer Peolette:		
City of Waterville	43.30	
Peter Peolette:		
City of Waterville	6.50	
Paul Thompson:		
Town of Oakland	61.13	
Milton Nichols:		
City of South Portland	403.41	
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	685.60	
Unexpended		1,314.40
Received from Town of Winslow		16.00
Received from Town of Skowhegan		302.45
Received from Town of Chelsea		20.55

## OTHER TOWNS POOR

Etta Bridges:	
C. D. Clark (wood)	24.00
Received from Town of Chelsea	24.00

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		\$400.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$277.83	
Unexpended		\$122.17

## STATE POOR

Paid Manuel Rocque	\$400.00	
Paid Vaughn Bailey	235.00	
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	635.00	
Received from State Treasurer		\$692.00

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## STATE HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$ 50.00	

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 25.00
Paid Velina Ellis, Secretary	\$ 25.00	

## TOWN FAIR

Appropriation		\$100.00
Paid Margaret Bragg, Secretary	100.00	

## TRUST FUNDS

	Expended	Rec'd. From Fund
Bragg	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Reynolds Hill	10.00	10.00
Mary Shaw	2.00	2.00
Sibley	2.00	2.00
Barton	3.00	3.00
Tolman	2.82	2.82
Woodward	20.84	20.84
Taylor	15.00	15.00
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	\$58.64	\$58.64

## VETERANS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$50.00
Paid Percy French	\$ 50.00	

## WITHHOLDING TAX

Balance from 1949	\$ 97.20	
Withholdings Feb. 10, 1950	677.02	
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Total		\$774.22
Paid Collector Internal Revenue		696.82
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Balance Carried Forward		77.40

## OFFICE SUPPLIES

Mark's Printing House	\$ 64.55
Fisher's Printing Service	4.50
Sidney Telephone Co.	41.00
Alice Hammond (Coll. supplies)	20.12
The Letter Shop	1.95
United States Pencil Co.	8.97
The Dennison Press	8.44
Depositors Trust Co. (check book)	3.00
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	\$152.53

## MISCELLANEOUS

Macomber, Farr and Whitten	
Treasurer's bond	\$ 25.00
Kennebec Journal Print Shop	
Town Reports	192.00
Kennebec Journal Print Shop, ballots	18.00
Margaret Smith (transfers)	25.60
Henry Hill (Surveying gravel pit)	29.90
Clarence Bean (Excise Refund)	18.13
LaVerdiere Drug (Vaccine)	4.98
Maine Municipal Assoc. (Dues)	35.00
Walter Chandler (Insurance Premium)	15.00
Clifton Tilton (Tractor Refund)	5.00
Oakland Insurance (White Schoolhouse)	8.50
Registry of Deeds	19.00
Federal Trust Co. (Trustee Fee)	10.00
J. B. Friel Co. (Keene House Insurance)	8.50
Vera Barnard, Janitor	9.00
Alice Hammond (Overpaid Commitment)	1.00
Tax Collector (Discount on Taxes)	218.52
Kennebec Journal (Advertising Snowplows)	4.00
Waterville Sentinel (same)	10.00
Treasurer of State (Auditing)	78.46
Sidney Grange (Insurance)	52.04
Leola Graves (Excise Refund)	4.96

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Alice Hammond (Tax Liens)	28.50
H. C. Marden (Lawyer Skowhegan case)	76.95
Ardis Whynot (Drug Child Clinic)	3.25
Oxford P. of H. Insurance (Hall)	20.00
Kennebec Journal	
(Advertising Snow Contract)	10.00
Waterville Sentinel (same)	15.00

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 \$946.29

## INTEREST

Federal Trust Co. (Bond Issue)	\$ 17.50
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## REPAIRS

Painting basement windows and Selectmen's Office, minor repairs on hall and hearse house door, G. M. Ellis, labor and materials	46.40
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## WINTER HIGHWAYS

Balance on Hand Feb. 10, 1949	\$1,244.80
Received from State (1948-49)	2,297.50
Wyman Contract	\$3,542.30
Thomas Eaton	\$3,225.60
Paid State Treas. for state highway	83.20
	<hr/> \$3,308.80
Unexpended	\$ 233.50
Balance Available for 1949-50 Contract	233.50
Appropriation	5,000.00
	<hr/> 5,233.50
Goff Contract (56 miles at \$140.00 per mile)	
L. D. Goff (To Feb. 10, 1950)	\$4,704.00
Unexpended	\$ 529.50

## ROAD PLANNING COMMITTEE

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Transferred from Excise		1,500.00
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		\$3,000.00
Expended by Committee	\$2,871.72	
Unexpended		\$ 229.28

## SUMMER HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expended for Labor	\$1,075.05	
Culverts and Supplies	111.56	
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	1,186.61	
Unexpended		\$ 813.39

## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

This money is furnished by the State Highway Commission and is available every year and must be spent under their supervision. This year the money was spent on the Goodhue Road between the Middle Road and the junction of the Goodhue-Lewis Roads.

Received from State		\$1,666.08
Expended	\$1,666.08	

## STATE AID ROADS

Two pieces of road were built with this money, one completed from Guy Barr to the Blake Road, and the other piece from Tolman Farm north was based but not surfaced. The Highway Commission, from their maintenance funds resurfaced the road from the Blake Road to the Tolman Farm.

Appropriation, 1949		\$ 1,066.00
Received from State		2,132.00

## TOWN OF SIDNEY

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Received from State	589.10
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	3,787.10
Depositors Trust Company (Loan)	7,500.00
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	\$11,287.10
Payrolls	\$9,675.12
Gravel	69.40
Supplies	692.87
State Equipment	88.73
Paid State for Tarring	818.38
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	\$11,340.40

## TOWN CHARGES — RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Inez Torry (Rent White Schoolhouse)	145.00
Harold Keene (Rent)	86.50
Telephone Calls	4.45
Peter Caruser (Part Payment Woodlot)	360.00
Gladys Cummings (Blueberries)	40.00
Interest and Costs	34.09
George T. Ellis (Hearse)	46.00
Licenses	4.50
Central Insul. Co. (Fire Reimbursement)	13.60
Addie B. Smith (For Trust Fund)	150.00
Marks Printing House (Refund)	7.75
Ernest Pitcher (Snowplow)	119.00
Charles Whynot (Snowplow)	33.00
Lendall D. Goff (Snowplow)	20.00
Augusta Savings Bank	
(Interest on Sinking Fund)	28.75
State Treasurer (Dog License Refund)	26.10
State Treasurer (R.R. and Tel. Tax)	.50
State Treasurer (Bank Stock Tax)	101.25
Depositors Trust Co. (Loan Int. Rebate)	.67
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	\$3,721.16
Expended	3,700.31
Unexpended	20.85

## TOWN CHARGES

## SALARIES

Otis Bacon, 1st Selectman	\$700.00
Jennie Brackett, 2nd Selectman	399.00
Howard Benson, 3rd Selectman	227.00
Alice Hammond, Treas. and Coll.	500.00
Pearl Smith, Town Clerk	150.00
W. W. Cowan, Constable	25.50
Horace Drummond, Moderator	6.00
Virginia Peterson, School Comm.	41.45
Percy Van Note, School Comm.	41.45
Robert Austin, School Comm.	39.45
Ernest Wyman, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Biglow Barnard, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Ray Philbrick, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Storer Tanner, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Eddie Gibbs	1.00

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\$2,154.85

## FIRE FIGHTING

W. B. Haskell, Fire Ward	36.27
Waterville Fire Dep't. (Bois Fire)	18.00
Oakland Fire Dep't. (Knight Fire)	11.80
Oakland Fire Dep't. (Bowman Fire)	28.00
Augusta Fire Dep't. (W. Sidney Fire)	50.00
Oakland Fire Dep't. (W. Sidney Fire)	82.60
Augusta Fire Dep't. (Lathe Fire)	50.00
Oliver Heal	10.50
Robert Chapman	4.50
Harold Keene	8.25
Richard Keene	7.50
George M. Ellis	5.00

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\$312.42

## EXPENSES

Otis Bacon, Postage and Envelopes	10.00
Pearl Smith	13.14
Alice Hammond	47.18

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\$ 70.32

## ABATEMENTS OF 1949

Donat Lefebure	\$14.80
Waldo Drake, and Robert McCormick	22.20
Downtown Investment	18.50
Linwood Norton	5.00
Fred Fossett	22.04
Clarence Nichols	38.85
Anne Purdy	20.35
Alphonse Poulin	4.07
Marion Lougee	16.65
Fred Pihlgrin	3.00
Arthur Keene	3.00
Charles Graves	3.00
George Cotta	3.00
Gerald Cote	3.00
Perley Langley	8.88
Chester Hutchinson	3.00

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\$189.34

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

State Tax	\$3,627.36
County Tax	830.00
Total	\$4,457.36

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To the Citizens of the Town of Sidney:

The town books closed February 10, 1950 with a substantial surplus. We recommend transferring a portion of this surplus to the Middle Road Construction, to make possible further construction on the Middle Road.

99 Per Cent of the Commitment was collected this year, which is an excellent record as the result of the efforts of Miss Alice Hammond.

We regret through an oversight of the Selectmen the Road Commissioner's Account was not completely expended.

Mrs. Margaret Drummond presented the Town with a gavel for which we are very grateful. It will be kept at the Town Clerk's office.

At this time we wish to thank the townspeople for their splendid cooperation during the past year.

Selectmen.

Otis Bacon  
Jennie Brackett  
Howard Benson

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

February 10, 1950

## 1949 TAXES

Commitment	\$37,422.69	
Supplement	161.93	
Paid Treasurer		37,021.21
Abatements		189.34
Liens (listed below)		374.07
	<u>\$37,584.62</u>	<u>\$37,584.62</u>

## Excise Taxes

1949

Receipt 112-411	\$2,230.51	
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1950

Receipt 1-139	1,444.60	
Paid Treasurer		3,675.11
	\$3,675.11	\$3,675.11

Poll and personal taxes collected 100 percent.

Real estate collected 99 percent in cash.

## Tax Liens

## Resident

Corey, Geo.	\$44.40
Folger, W.S..	26.47
Landry, Mary	18.30
McLellan, W. W.	44.40
MacDonald, John	51.80
Phillips, H. Heirs	37.00

## Non-Resident

Ellis, Luther	29.60
Godbout, Willie	46.25
Pelotte, M., Trustee	11.10
Sturgis, Alma	5.55
Stevens, Clayton	37.00
Bolduc, Leo	22.20

Respectfully Submitted

Alice L. Hammond  
Tax Collector

DETAIL OF TAX LIENS  
FEBRUARY 10, 1950

	Total	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1933
Belk, Maud	4.13							4.13
Bolduc, Leo	22.20	22.20						
Benoit and Saporita	22.50		\$22.50					
Corey, George	44.40	44.40						
Cronkite, Herman	13.72				4.95	4.50	4.27	
Dean, W. E.	63.75		63.75					
Ellis, Luther	29.60	29.60						
Folger, W. S.	26.47	26.47						
Godbout, Willie	89.38	46.25	43.13					
Keene, Harold	45.23		24.38	10.95	9.90			
Landry, Mary	18.30	18.30						
MacDonald, John	51.80	51.80						
McLellan, Woodrow	44.40	44.40						
Pelletier, Albenie	64.20		22.50	21.90	19.80			
Pelotte, V. Heirs	9.00					9.00		
Pelotte, M. Trustee	33.30	11.10	11.25	10.95				
Poulin, Alphonse	8.14		4.13	4.01				
Sturgis, Alma	5.55	5.55						
Stevens, Clayton	37.00	37.00						
Tardiff, Albert	3.23		3.23					
Totals	\$710.80	\$374.10	\$232.37	\$ 47.81	\$ 34.65	\$13.50	\$ 4.27	\$4.13

Value of all liens February 10, 1949      \$678.83  
Deduct receipts during 1949      342.10

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Add 1949 liens      336.73  
                                 374.07

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Value of all liens February 10, 1950      \$710.80

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice L. Hammond, Treasurer

## TREASURER'S REPORT

February 10, 1950

Receipts	From State	Other Sources	
Taxes:			
1949		\$37,021.21	
1949 Excise		2,230.51	
1950 Excise		1,444.60	
Tax Liens		342.10	
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		\$41,038.42	
Total from taxes			\$41,038.42
General Government:			
R. R. and Tel. Tax	.50		
Bank Stock Tax	101.25		
Dog Licenses Refund	26.10		
Interest and costs		34.09	
Use of office phone		4.45	
Interest on sinking fund		28.75	
Licenses		4.50	
Blueberries sold		40.00	
Payment on Robinson Farm		360.00	
Rent of Keene place		75.50	
Rent of schoolhouse		145.00	
Reimbursement of lawyer's bill		11.00	
Sale of hearse		46.00	
Rebate on interest		.67	
Rebate, Marks Printing House		7.75	
Sale of Snow Equipment		172.00	
Refund, Central Insulation Co. (fire)		13.60	
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	\$127.85	\$943.31	
Total from General Government			\$1,071.16
Charities:			
Poor reimbursement \$	690.94		
Town of Chelsea		44.55	
Town of Winslow		16.00	

## TOWN OF SIDNEY

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Town of Skowhegan		302.45	
Alice Hammond	690.94	1.06	
	<u>690.94</u>	<u>364.06</u>	
Total from Charities			\$1,055.00
Education:			
School fund	\$5,822.44		
Equalization	555.00		
B. Fogal Tuition		18.00	
Supply refund		7.90	
	<u>\$6,377.44</u>	<u>\$25.90</u>	
Total from Education			\$6,403.34
Highways and Bridges:			
Snow Removal		\$2,297.50	
S. A. Construction 1948		99.15	
S. A. Construction 1949		2,710.10	
Town Road Improvement Fund		1,666.08	
		<u>\$6,783.83</u>	
Total from Highways and Bridges			\$6,783.83
Cemeteries:			
Trust Funds		\$ 58.66	
			58.66
Municipal Indebtedness:			
Sinking Fund		1,000.00	
			1,000.00
Highway Loans:			
Depositors Trust Co.			
(In anticipation of S. A. Funds)		7,500.00	
			7,500.00
Temporary Loans:			
Tax anticipation noted		8,000.00	
			8,000.00

## Retirement:

451.70

451.70

## Withholding:

677.02

677.02

## Unclassified:

Addie Smith, Trust Fund to be created 150.00

150.00

## Total Cash Receipts

\$74,189.13

## Add Cash Balance February 10, 1949

7,546.83

## Total Amount Available

\$81,735.96

## Minus Disbursements Warrants 1-37

70,202.47

## Cash Balance Feb. 10, 1950

\$11,533.49

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice L. Hammond, Treasurer

## TRUST FUNDS

Name	Balance Feb. 10, '49	Earned	Interest Withdrawn	Balance Feb. 10, '49
Cemetery:				
Hartson Bragg	\$114.05	\$2.29	\$ 3.00	\$113.34
Woodward	217.76	3.27	20.84	200.19
Reynold's Hill	471.09	7.10	10.00	468.19
Barton	215.45	3.25	3.00	215.70
Sibley	295.00	4.45	2.00	297.45
Tolman	102.82	1.54	2.82	101.54
Shaw	156.75	2.35	2.00	157.10
Taylor	310.64	4.67	15.00	300.31
A. M. Drummond	350.34	7.03		357.37
Drummond	311.71	4.70		316.41
School				
Bacon's Corner	1,201.60	18.09		1,219.69

## SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Balance	Interest	Deposit	Balance
Feb. 10, '49			Feb. 10, '50
\$4,103.27	\$77.42	\$1,000.00	\$5,1 <u>80</u> .69

## SINKING FUND

Balance	Interest	Withdrawal	Balance
Feb. 10, '49			Feb. 10, '50
\$2,000.00	\$28.75	\$1,028.75*	\$1,000.00

\* \$1,000.00 was used to retire Bond No. 11. The interest, \$28.75, was credited to General Cash.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice L. Hammond, Treasurer

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Sidney; I herewith submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools:

The town of Sidney has maintained the same number of schools this year as was maintained last year, namely six. The same number of schools will be maintained, undoubtedly, until such time as the people decide if they wish to do something about consolidation.

There have been two changes in our teaching staff since last year. At the West Sidney School, Leonard Plourde is teaching and at the Cowan School, Christine Benson is employed as teacher. These teachers are both properly certified and are doing good work. The list of teachers with their grades and enrollment is as follows:

Christine Benson, Cowan School, Jr. Pr.—3	Enrollment 29
Leonard Plourde, West Sidney School, Grades 4-8	Enrollment 27
Inez Torrey, Lincoln School, Jr. Pr.-4	Enrollment 28
Ruby Burton, Bacon's Corner School, Grade 5-8	Enrollment 18
Alice Reynolds, Longfellow School, Jr. Pr.-4	Enrollment 23
Wenona Goff, Thayer's Corner School, Grades 5-8	Enrollment 29

In each school there has been good pupil progress and it is always a pleasure to note an improvement in scholarship. In four of our schools, the number of grades compared with the

number of pupils is large. You may easily comprehend what this means when a teacher has twenty-eight or more pupils spread through four or five grades. It takes administrative ability as well as teaching skill to do a good job.

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS:** It is evident that repair money must be expended from time to time in order to keep our present buildings in proper condition. There are those who feel that this is money being thrown away because we still have old buildings after spending money on them. On the other hand, to inaugurate a building program for some type of a consolidated school plan means that much planning and thinking must be done to avoid what might be serious mistakes in time to come. It is my recommendation that the people think very constructively in regard to this problem, looking at it over a period of time with the welfare of every boy and girl in the town of Sidney considered carefully. Another point which must be borne in mind is the financial ability of the town to finance any kind of a consolidated building program.

During the past year some constructive work was done in improving the lighting in Lincoln School and changing the entrance at the Holmes School.

The Thayer's Corner School is in bad condition and will require a large repair program including the alteration of the present entry.

**FINANCE:** The Town Of Sidney has benefited by an increase in equalization money and at the same time the budget shows another increase over the past year. This increase is due largely to high school tuition and conveyance. It should be borne in mind that the town has had a unusually low conveyance costs previous to the present year. However the present conveyance fully justifies the extra cost because of the splendid service which is being rendered with comfortable and safe equipment. The conveyance lists is as follows:

Leola Graves, 40 weeks at 62.50	2,500.00
Will Cowan, 40 weeks at 42.08	1,683.20
Orville Tanner, 40 weeks at 55.00	2,200.00

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Leonard Plourde, 180 days at 1.00	180.00
Contingent Fund	100.00

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6,663.20

The increased cost in tuition is due to law passed by the last legislature allowing high schools to charge a higher rate of tuition to compensate for increased costs of secondary school education. The tuition list is as follows:

	1949-50	1948-49	
Augusta, 23 pupils at 151.56	138.56	3,485.88	
Oakland, 5 pupils at 175.32	159.43	876.00	
Waterville, 9 pupils at 158.00	151.42	1,422.00	
Higgins, 1 pupil at 179.17		179.17	

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5,963.05

The textbooks have been improved the past year by the addition of basal text in English, spelling, and arithmetic. We are still weak in the social studies and social sciences.

The budget for the coming year has been accepted and recommended by the School Board and also by the Budget Committee. Every effort has been made to keep the expenses at a minimum and to give the town the benefit of one hundred cents for every dollar spent.

This report closes with a financial statement. I also wish to thank the School Board, town officials, teachers, and all citizens who have contributed to the success of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hubert E. Redding  
Supt. of Schools

## SIDNEY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### SCHOOL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

#### Receipts

Appropriation	15,325.00
Appropriation, Special Meeting	900.00
State Subsidy	6,377.44

## ANNUAL REPORT

Barbara Fogal	18.00	
Supply Refund	7.90	
		22,628.34
Overdraft. 1948	188.92	
		22,439.42

## EXPENDITURES

Instruction	9,804.77	
Fuel	572.00 - 500	
Janitor	842.99 - 867	
Conveyance	5,747.52	
Tuition	4,054.85 - 4180	
Textbooks	655.58 -	
Supplies	392.51 -	
Utilities	178.23	
		22,248.45
Balance		190.97
		22,439.42

## ACCOUNTS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

## Receipts

Balance	166.27	
Appropriation	1,513.50	
		1,679.77

## Expenditures

Repairs	973.41	
Insurance	150.00	
Superintendence	384.90	
		1,508.31
Balance		171.46
		1,679.77

9804.77  
6200  
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1755  
1854.77

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ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Sidney:

I hereby submit the following report for the year ending February 10, 1950:

Most of the money allotted to roads this year was spent on gravel. The roads broke up early and so badly that we had to do some very expensive hauling.

The road planning committee made their recommendations and along with these we spent part of the Summer Highways and Bridges Allotment.

Through road from the Pond to the River Road has been completed and should be passable the year round. We were fortunate on this job. We were able to load, haul and level the gravel for .57.7 per yd. Our supervisor advised letting the gravel out by the job on state aid. It was done for .75 per yd. including purchase of gravel.

The last two or three summers have been very hard on dirt roads due to extremely dry conditions. It would seem to me if this continues the town should look into the possibilities of using chloride.

Because of the new law regarding care of brush after cutting and due to extremely dry conditions we had to stop cutting bushes.

There are many culverts in town that should be replaced due to wearing out and being inadequate for the flow of water. We intended doing some of that this year but the need of gravel was so great that we used the money for this in hopes that culverts would be lower in price in the near future.

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of the town of Sidney for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted  
Horace Drummond  
Road Commissioner

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## REPORT OF THE ROAD PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Sidney:

The Long-Range Road Planning Committee held six meetings during the past year. We made a thorough inspection of the highways and culverts. There is a great need of replacing around sixteen culverts in the near future.

We made the following recommendations:

Roads for graveling	Recommended	Am't of Gravel
Eight Rod Road So. D. Normans	\$200	301 yds.
Knight Road	150	230 yds.
Blake Road	100	104 yds.
Quaker Road No. of Bartlett Rd.	200	279 yds.
Church Road	50	92 yds.
Dinsmore Road	200	364 yds.
Quaker Road So. of Kelley Hill	400	371 yds.
Shepherd Road	200	316 yds.
Philbrick Road	100	134 yds.
Robinson Road	200	238 yds.
Mills Road	200	241 yds.
Reynold's Hill Road	100	150 yds.

All the gravel used for these roads except the Mills and Robinson Roads was hauled from the River Road. The cost per yard varies somewhat but this of course is due to the distance hauled and the condition of the road on which we were hauling.

The Long Range Road Planning Committee recommends that the town investigate the possibilities of using chloride on the road. We also recommend the closing of the Terry Road, so called, from the Springer Cemetery to the river.

Respectfully Submitted,

Horace Drummond, Secretary

We regret very much the loss of the late Mahlon Knight to the Road Planning Committee and feel his valuable services will be greatly missed by the Road Planning Committee and the town.

## TOWN FAIR REPORT

## Receipts

Balance on hand	196.33
Interest in bank	2.29
Received from town	100.00
Received from Horse Pulling	67.60
Received from Greased Pig	5.25
Received from Horse Show	53.45
Received from Ground and Hall Rent	30.00
Received from Dance	216.00

Total Receipts

670.92

## Expenses

Paid for premiums and prizes	204.20
Fig	20.00
Amplifier	20.00
Horse Show Expenses	22.85
Posters	10.00
Orchestra	35.00
Int. Revenue	36.00
Misc. Expenses	39.30

Total Expenses

387.35

Balance on hand

283.57

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Bragg

## REPORT OF MEMORIAL DAY FUND

## Receipts

Balance on hand February 10, 1949	\$16.50
Received from Town Treasurer	25.00

\$41.50

## Expenses

Paid for opening Hall Memorial Day	\$ 1.00
Care of lot	3.00
Paid Speaker	10.00

Paid for Flags	23.60	
		\$37.60
Balance		\$ 3.90

There are flags on hand for 1950.

I wish to thank those who helped me.

I would like to suggest that the Selectmen appoint a new Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Velina D. Ellis, Sec'y.

### FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Walter Berryman is Sidney Forest Fire Warden with deputies C. Wilmot Gifford and George M. Ellis.

Changes in the laws regarding Forest Fires as follows:

#### SLASH AND BRUSH DISPOSAL

Responsibility of slash or brush disposal rests entirely on whoever "cuts, causes or permits to cut" forest growth. Such slash or brush must be moved back fifty feet from the shoulder of the pavement of any public highway, or road.

All slash and brush shall be removed the required distances within 30 days after cutting or 30 days after being notified to remove it. A violator of this section is liable to a fine of \$100.00 or 30 days imprisonment or both.

#### BURNING PERMITS

It is unlawful for any person to kindle a fire for the purpose of clearing land or burning logs or stumps, roots, brush, slash, fields of dry grass, pasture, and blueberry land except when the ground is covered with snow without first obtaining a written permit. Permits are issued by the Town Forest Fire Wardens.

A permit is necessary for any person to burn, even on his own land.

A burning permit does not relieve the person of legal responsibility if the fire is allowed to escape or cause damage to the property of another.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING ANNUAL REPORT

## Greetings:

Since the formation of a Local Health Council, Sidney can well be proud of its Health Program. The monthly Child Health Conference makes available, regular medical supervision and free immunization for diphtheria, whooping cough and smallpox. Thru the Health Council facilities, free immunization against tetanus has been added.

In 1949, nine Child Health Conferences were held with total attendance of 96 infant and preschool children; 62 physical examinations were given; 27 immunizations against diphtheria and whooping cough; 14 against smallpox, and 3 against tetanus. The Council is now working on a plan for transportation facilities for those families who would otherwise not be able to take advantage of the service.

Mrs. Whynott, Local Health Officer and her committee deserve great credit for promoting the Fluorine treatment.

In June the Sidney Health Council entertained the Health Councils of District III. This meeting was preceded by a dinner, after which panel discussion, on different phases of health, was conducted by council members with experts in their respective fields present for consultation. This was the third such meeting in District III and not only stimulated our members, but gave other communities an incentive toward better health programs.

Home visiting for special services has been done, the nurse working closely with the family and other agencies.

Plans for the Health Program for 1950 will be discussed at the next local Health Council meeting.

In closing, may I thank the town officials, school personnel and Local Health Council for the splendid cooperation in 1949.

Respectfully submitted

Eunice S. Nollet,  
Public Health Nurse

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## VITAL STATISTICS

## DEATHS

1949

Feb. 26 Lewis A. Ellis	age 74 years
Feb. 28 Delia E. Cowan	age 88 years
March 8 Manley H. Bailey	age 71 years
April 5 Mary R. Copeland	age 71 years
April 8 Ellen F. Nelson	age 73 years
April 13 Norma W. Nielsen	age 16 years
April 26 Maude A. Bacon	age 74 years
April 27 Edward J. Williams	age 73 years
May 5 Peter Arnotis	age 51 years
May 8 Jennie Walton	age 75 years
May 14 Edward N. Brewer	age 77 years
May 19 Alfred L. Stevens	age 79 years
May 26 John L. Libby	age 91 years
May 28 George Pettee	age 92 years
May 31 Eugene H. Tillson	age 65 years
May 31 Lula H. Hartford	age 67 years
June 26 Amelia G. Hammond	age 75 years
June 29 Alton Bowman	age 65 years
July 30 John Pepin	age 80 years
Aug. Frank E. Houghton	age 60 years
Sept. 9 Helena Howarth	age 82 years
Sept. 14 Ellen D. Lambert	age 89 years
Sept. 27 Mahlon I. Knight	age 69 years
Oct. 15 Maude A. Long	age 72 years
Nov. 3 Erwin F. Holmes	age 61 years
Nov. 5 Herbert H. Philbrick	age 69 years
Nov. 17 Elmer H. Bartlett	age 74 years
Nov. 26 Edmund Drouin	age 83 years
Dec. 7 Addie L. Hammond	age 69 years
Dec. 14 Andre Cote	age 73 years
Dec. 22 A. Ellura Knowles	age 70 years

Number of marriages, 14; number of births, 11.

Number of dogs licensed in 1949: 74 males; 15 females; 36 spayed females; 5 kennels.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Mrs.) Pearl F. Smith

Town Clerk

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
Sidney,  
Maine  
Gentlemen:

Oct. 27, 1949

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Sidney have been audited by the State Department of Audit for the period, February 11, 1948 to February 10, 1949 inclusive.

The examination was made by Auditor R. M. Parsons in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying Comments.

Exhibits and Schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated.

Recommendations are also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

Fred W. Berry

State Auditor

### COMMENTS

Town of Sidney

February 11, 1948 to February 10, 1949

An examination has been completed of the books and records of the Town of Sidney for the year ended February 10, 1949. This examination was conducted in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards and included a check of all cash transactions, a complete analysis of distribution of receipts and such test checks of other operations as seemed advisable.

## ASSETS

The cash balance of \$7,546.83 as reflected by the Treasurer's records was represented by cash on hand of \$794.42 deposited Feb. 14, 1949, and cash in bank of \$6,752.41. The check book balance of \$6,752.41 was reconciled with the Feb. 10, 1949 bank statement furnished by the Depositors Trust Company.

An analysis was made of receipts and deposits and it was determined that all monies for which receipts had been written had been properly and promptly deposited.

All expenditures were made by check and were supported by properly authorized warrants.

Accounts receivable totaling \$550.95 represents charity accounts. The detail is shown on Schedule A—1.

The 1948 tax commitment book was added, checked and found to be in agreement with the Assessors' records. The Total commitment was settled by the Tax Collector.

All transactions concerning tax liens were reviewed and found to have been handled properly. Tax Liens outstanding in the amount of \$703.68 were checked and listed.

A capital reserve fund was created for the purpose of building a new school building. This fund was increased by \$1,056.19 during the current year as a result of interest of \$56.19, and a Town appropriation of \$1,000.00. The fund totals \$4,103.27 and is invested in a savings account. The pass book was examined.

A sinking fund was created by a transfer from general fund cash for the payment of maturing bonded debt. One \$1,000.00 bond was retired during the current year. This fund totals \$2,000.00 and is invested in a savings account. The pass book was examined.

## LIABILITIES

The accounts payable totaled \$97.60 and represents withholding tax deductions \$96.60 and an overpayment by the Tax Collector of \$1.00.

The bonds payable totaled \$2,000.00. These bonds mature \$1,000.00 annually, the last bond to be paid in 1950.

## RESERVE AND SURPLUS

The reserve for authorized expenditures of \$1,388.82 represents the balances of certain appropriation accounts which have been carried forward to be expended in the ensuing year. The detail is presented on Exhibit D.

The unappropriated surplus at the year end totaled \$7,087.-

51. There was an increase in this account of \$2,664.74 during the year which was represented by the net gain from operations of \$2,412.49 and the gain from sale of property of \$252.25.

### TRUST FUNDS

The trust fund investments were examined and listed. Income withdrawn from these funds appeared to have been expended properly.

### GENERAL

The Treasurer and Tax Collector furnished a corporate surety bond.

The following excise tax receipts were examined, and found to have been properly deposited with the Treasurer:

1948 Receipts 129—368	\$1,639.59
1949 Receipts 1 —111	\$1,211.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,851.06</b>

An examination was made of vouchers and pay rolls on file in the Selectmen's office and so far as could be determined from this examination they appeared to be proper charges and correctly recorded. The vouchers on file consisted of School Accounts and highway pay rolls. Vouchers for other accounts were not available for examination.

During the course of the examination of the Assessors and Tax Collector's records, it was noted that the abatements had not been approved by the Assessors as required by Chapter 81, Section 39 of the Revised Statutes of 1944.

The Selectmen's ledger was incomplete insofar as the distribution of the warrants was concerned.

The following recommendations appear to be worthy of consideration by the municipal officials:

- (1) That, the Assessors furnish the Tax Collector with an approved list of all abatements allowed, or an individual abatement slip for each tax abated.
- (2) That, the Selectmen complete the ledger by posting each month the expenditures in total from the distribution book to each appropriation account. The total of the expenditures should equal the total of the warrants.
- (3) That, vouchers supporting all expenditures be filed in the Selectmen's office.

## EXHIBIT A

## TOWN OF SIDNEY

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Feb. 10, 1949

Feb. 10, 1948

## GENERAL FUND

## ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 7,546.83	\$ 6,134.75
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	\$550.95	\$241.28
Less Reserve for Losses	95.01	95.01
	<u>455.94</u>	<u>146.27</u>
Taxes Receivable		514.50
Tax Liens (Sch. A-2)	703.68	451.76
Less Reserve for Losses	131.29	239.00
	<u>572.39</u>	<u>212.76</u>
Capital Reserve Fund Investment (Sch. A-3)	4,103.27	3,047.08
Sinking Fund Investment (Sch. A-4)	2,000.00	3,000.00
Mortgage Receivable		6.66
TOTAL—General Fund	\$14,678.43	\$13,062.02

## TRUST FUNDS

## ASSETS

Time Deposits (Sch. A-7)	\$ 3,747.21	\$ 3,608.05
Due from Gen. Fund (Sch. A-7)	1.23	1.23
TOTAL—Trust Funds	\$ 3,748.44	\$ 3,609.28

	Feb. 10, 1949	Feb. 10, 1948
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable (Sch. A-5)	\$ 97.60	\$102.40
Due Trust Fund Income	1.23	1.23
Bonds Payable (Sch. A-6)	2,000.00	3,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,098.83	3,103.63
<b>RESERVES</b>		
Capital Reserve Fund	4,103.27	3,047.08
Reserve for Authorized Expenditures (Ex. D)	1,388.82	2,488.54
Total Reserves	5,492.09	5,535.62
<b>SURPLUS</b>		
Unappropriated (Ex.C)	7,087.51	4,422.77
TOTAL—General Fund	\$14,678.43	\$13,062.02
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Principals (Sch. A-7)	\$ 3,410.26	\$ 3,310.26
Unexpended Income (Sch. A-7)	338.18	299.02
TOTAL—Trust Funds	\$ 3,748.44	\$ 3,609.28

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$$\begin{array}{r} 9804.77 \\ 6200 \\ \hline 3604.77 \\ 1750 \\ \hline 1854 \end{array}$$

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